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SUBJECT: REMINDER ON IMF RPT IMF PUBLICATIONS

WISH TO REMIND APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OFFICES OF OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN RECEIVING COPIES, WHENEVER AVAILABLE, OR OTHER INFORMATION ON THE FOLLOWING STUDIES OR REPORTS ON LEBANESE ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL AFFAIRS BY THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND OR RELATED AGENCIES:

1. ANNUAL IMF ARTICLE XIV CONSULTATION: USUALLY ENTITLED "LEBANON --- RECENT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS", THIS BACKGROUND PAPER PREPARED EACH FALL BY A VISITING IMF TEAM NORMALLY IS DISTRIBUTED TO IMF MEMBERS IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY. THIS IS USUALLY EXCELLENT AND MOST CURRENT REFERENCE AVAILABLE FOR ECONOMIC STATISTICS. WOULD APPRECIATE NEA/ARN ENSURING THAT OUR COPY POUCHED SOONEST.

2. IMF DEBRIEFING: IF DEPARTMENT STILL DEFRIEFS IMF CONSULTATION TEAMS, WOULD APPRECIATE LEARNING CONSULTATION TEAM'S GENERAL IMPRESSIONS OF (A) LEBANON'S ECONOMY, (B) GOL FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS, (C) CENTRAL BANK'S LATE-1974 DOLLAR BUYING OPERATION.

3. IFC RPT IFC DOCUMENT IFC/R74-61 OF 10 OCT 74: DISCUSSED
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IN BEIRUT'S 12731, 12920 AND DEPARTMENT'S 235792, THIS

REPORTEDLY IS INTERNATIONAL FINANCE CORPORATION STUDY OF LEBANON'S MONEY AND BANKING SYSTEM WITH PARTICULARLY GOOD STATISTICS AND PARTICULAR REFERENCE BEIRUT'S FUTURE AS INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CENTER. STATE REF INDICATED SOMETHING MIGHT BECOME AVAILABLE EARLY 1975.

4. IMF BUDGET & FISCAL STUDY OF LEBANON: EXISTENCE REPORTED IN OUR A-258 DECEMBER 30. ALTHOUGH BELIEVED BE A PRIVILEGED STUDY EXPRESSLY FOR GOL, WOULD APPRECIATE COPY WHENEVER AVAILABLE OR ANY RESULTS INFORMAL CONTACTS WITH TEAM MEMBERS GARNIER AND GARAMFALVI. PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN ANY INFO ON GOL FINANCIAL RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR DEVELOPMENT.
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